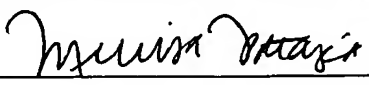


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Introductory Comments

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, and the Advisory Action mailed December 13, 2006. A three-month extension of time is hereby requested to extend the deadline for responding to the Office Action until March 19, 2007. Applicants authorize the Commissioner to charge the extension fee, and any additional fees which may be required to further the prosecution of the captioned application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1620, referencing Attorney Docket No. X-0150. The Listing of the Claims begins on page 2. Applicants' Remarks begin on page 4.